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ernment an opportunity of complying without offence to its honor.

Much of the argument in the Austrian note will be passed over as irrelevant. This is particularly true of the objection that Austria is not bound by Germany's acceptance of the American point of view on submarine warfare.

Secretary Lansing holds that the Ancona case is on the same plane as the Lustania case and that Austria must be held accountable, without reference to this government's controversies with Germany. Reference to this was made in the original note, it is said, marely to indicate that the United States had already placed itself on record concerning the laws protecting non-combatants on the high seas.

ing the laws protecting non-combatants on the high seas.

In comparing the Ancona to the Lusitania case, the State Department shows clearly how its temper has changed in a few months. The latter case, after five notes and a softes of informal conversations between Secretary Lansing and Ambassador von Bernstorff, is not anywhere near a final settlement. The Ancona case, supposedly parallel, on the other hand, has brought the American and Austrian governments to the verge. and Austrian governments to the verge of an open breach.

of an open breach.

If was agreed in official quarters that the Austrian note did not minimize a realization of the gravity of the situation which was impressed on officials by the unofficial cables, but it also was apparent that the door to further negotiations was not closed.

The State Department also made public an official text of the Austrial Admirality's statement, previously public and the state of the state o

lie an official text of the Austrial Admiralty's statement, previously published, which admitted that the submarine fired on the Ancona after the ship had come to a stop and while passencers still were abound. It was upon this official admission of the Austrian Admiralty itself that a principal portion of the American note was based. The full text of Austria's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, as made public to-day by the State Department, collows:

American Embassy, Vienna, December 15, 1915. Secretary of State, Washington: Following note received from Min-ster for Foreign Affairs noon to-

day:

In reply to the much esteemed note
No. 4,167 which his excellency, Mr.
Frederic Courtland Penfield, Ambassador Extraordinary and Pirnipotentiary of the United States of Amorica, directed to him in the name of
the American government under date
of the ninth instant, in the matter
of the sinking of the Italian steamer
Ancons, the undersigned, preliminary to a thorough, meritorious
treatment of the demands, has the
honor to observe that the sharpness
with which the government of the

the discussion of the case of the Ancona.

In having the honor to have recourse to the kindness of his excellency, the Ambassador of the United States of America, with the most respectful request to be good enough to communicate the foregoing to the American government, and on this occasion to state that the imperial and royal government, in no less degree than the American government and under all circumstances, most sincerely deplores the fate of the innocent victims of the incident in question, the undersigned at the same time avails himself of this opertunity to renew the expression of his most distinguished consideration to his excellency, the ambassador.

(Signed) BURIAN.

PENFIELD.

Welland Canal Plot Suspect

Once Militiaman at Buffalo Buffalo, Dec. 18 .- George Fuchs, detained in connection with the alleged

to blame the commanding officer of the submarine concerned in the affair and the firmness in which the demands addressed to the imperial and royal government appear to be expressed, might well have warranted the expectation that the government of the United States should precisely specify the actual circumstances of the affair upon which it bases its case.

Fuchs left Niagara Falls about three deal of secrecy was maintained, and when the news of the dinner was whispered about yesterday it afforded an unusually savory morsel for political gossip.

Of course the inference was that the grooming of Colonel Roosevelt for the Presidential race as the Republican

stances of the affair upon which it bases its case.

As is not difficult to perceive, the presentation of the facts in the case in the aforesaid note leaves room for many doubts, and even if this presentation were corrected all points and the most rigorous egal cenception were applied to the judgment of the case, it does not in any way sufficiently warrant attaching blame to the commanding officer of the war vessel or to the imperial and royal government. for Suspected Plotter The other guests were Jecob H.

the Washington Cabinet has now made a positive statement to the effect that citizens of the United KILLS HIMSE KILLS HIMSELF States of America came to grief in the incident in question, the imperial and royal government is in principle ready to enter into an exchange of views in the affair with the govern-ment of the United tSates. It must,

Woman's Refusal to Elope with Friend of Fatherland

ment of the United tSates. It must, however, in the first place, raise the question why that government failed to give juridical reasons for the demands set forth in its note with reference to the special circumstances of the incriminating events upon which it itself lays stress and why in lieu thereof it refused an exchange of correspondence which it has conducted with another government in other cases.

Causes Tragedy.

A romance that began in Germany colonel Roosever momination in 19 that "seven litt that "seven litt the ball rolling mation in 1912.

At any rate, if the possion of the demands are conducted with another government in other cases.

dred attended the service, opening at Firemen Overcome Fighting

the First Baptist Church. Two hundered attended the service, opening at 10 o'clock, in the lecture room of the church. The service will continue until 6 o'clock to-morrow morning.

There will be no intermission for refreshments, as the Rev. Charles F. Mc-Koy, the pastor and leader in the fight against "movies," said there should be nothing that might detract from the intent of the meeting. At 4 o'clock to-morrow morning the church folk will pray for the city commissioners that they could see the error of their ways."

Sunday picture shows have been held here every Sunday night since last June. Mr. McKoy says the city commissioners promised to close them on September 15, but failed.

Ragen Gets \$6,000 Job.

Adolphus Ragen was yesterday appointed clerk of the newly organized Children's Court at \$6,000 a year. He was recently appointed clerk of the Magistrates' Court from the office of Commissioner of Accounts. Ragen, who maintained he had the backing of Mayor Mitchel, defeated Frank Oliver, secretary to United States Senator O'Gorman, also a candidate for the place.

Fire Marshal Prial and Inspector flex was brought to him. He also made a short spech to quiet the guests at luncheon. Fire Marshal Prial and Inspector flexity to United States Senator O'Gorman, also a candidate for the place.

respect to the juridical consideration of the affair in question, this government must, in order to proclude possible misunderstandings, declare that as a matter of course it reserves to itself full freedom of maintaining its own legal views in the discussion of the case of the **DINES WITH GARY**

> Schiff, Vanderlip, Belmont, Baker, Hepburn, Among Those at Table.

> "PRIVATE AFFAIR," ONLY EXPLANATION

> Roosevelt Helps Keep Secret, but Some Say Ardent Beeckman Was Present.

There may have been a "gentlemen's plot to blow up the Welland Canal, is agreement" (politically), or perhaps the son of Mrs. Herman Fuchs, of they were all "practical men," at the Niagara Falls. Mrs. Fuchs learned to- dinner held at the Fifth Avenue home day that her son, while closely iden- of Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of tifled with the case, was not incrimi- the executive board of the United nated. Mrs. Fuchs did not disclose the States Steel Corporation, Friday night. name of the person who sent the mes- Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was the particular guest of honor. A great Fuchs left Niagara Falls about three deal of secrecy was maintained, and

candidate had begun.

Cleveland, Dec. 18.—Dr. E. W. Ritter, whose dealings with representatives of beligerent nations in connection with war plots were under investigation by August Belmont A. P. tion were applied to the judgment of the case, it does not in any way sufficiently warrant attaching blame to the commanding officer of the war vessel or to the imperial and royal government.

Wants Evidence Cited.

The government of the United States has also failed to designate the persons upon whose testimony it relies and to whom it apparently believes it may attribute a higher degree of credibility than to the commander of the imperial and royal fleet. The note also fails to give any information whatsoever as to the number, names and more precise fate of the American citizens who were not board of the said steamer at the critical moment.

However, in view of the fact that the Washington, Cabinet be. lip, president of the National City

It was at first reported, but later denied, that Medill McCormick, of Chicago, and R. Livingston Beeckman, Republican Governor of Rhode Island, attended the dinner. A report recently percolated through political circles here that Governor Beeckman was the first of a possible "seven little governors" to announce himself in favor of Colonel Roosevelt for the Republican nomination in 1916. It will be recalled that "seven little governors" at an incompanied of the manufacture of the said of the manufacture of the said of the event of his abode being searched.

The "great big note book," which the Secret Service men describe as "the beauty of them all," contained the names and addresses of several hundred plotters distributed throughout the United States. Much of the memorand was in German code, but it can be transcribed easily, and on the incomplete of the Commissioner Lord, it was decided to suspend was held in \$50,000 bail. It was forth-

Pather Knickerbocker has placed his orders for mineral water for the Christmas trade; he placed them with the White Rock Mineral Springs Co. The above reproduction of a train of White Rock refrigerator cars is from a photograph taken a few days ago near the famous White Rock Spring at Waukesha, Wisconsin. This water is considered by present day connoisseurs to be the best mineral water now offered to the public. Various authorities inspect the spring weekly and the bountiful flow of water is pronounced of

KOENIG'S NET OF PLOTS RENT BY ROW OVER \$15

Paul Koenig owed \$15 to George Fuchs and declined to pay. Fuchs "squealed" to Federal authorities and Koenig, the arch German conspirator and head of the-Hamburg-American Line's secret service, was

Although millions of dollars were behind Koenig, he worked cheaply, spending only small sums. The chief payment to his associates was kind words and commendation of their patriotism.

Fuchs, who was associated with Koenig in the latter's plan to destroy the Welland Canal, in Ontario, Canada, is a distant relative of his former employer. Pique at Koenig's refusal to pay him the \$15 caused Fuchs to betray Koenig.

week.
"I consider this one of the gravest charges that could be brought against a member of the department, particularly in such times as these," said Commissioner Woods yesteriay, referring to Policeman Mattola.

Mattola, who lives at 549 Fifty-second Street Brookley, was on his yearting.

Street, Brooklyn, was on his vacation, and was brought to Police Hendquarters by two detectives. He has been on the police force for eleven years, ten of them in connection with the detec-

tive service.

Deputy Comm.ssioner Lord took charge of the examination of Mattola.

The detective denied having ever ac-

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